



Division Crews Clear Rockingham County Roadway

### Triad Transportation Crews Prepare for Winter Weather

Crews across Division 7, which includes Guilford, Alamance, Orange, Caswell and Rockingham counties, are preparing their arsenal in the pending war against wintry weather.

"We have some 300 crews and contractors who are prepared for snow and ice response this season," said Division Seven Maintenance Engineer Brad Wall.



Wall addresses reporters at Maintenance Yard on Sandy Camp Road in High Point

Preparing for any weather emergency is part of NCDOT's primary function. All 14 divisions around the state have begun checking equipment and salt and brine supplies ahead of the winter weather season.

The transportation department has more than 1,700 dump trucks fitted with sand and salt spreaders, 495 front end loaders and backhoes, and 332 motor graders, and more than 3200 specially

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### N.C. Transportation Now -- This Week: Employees Recognized for Heroism

Click here to watch [NC Transportation Now](#).



### This Could be You, But You Must Sign-up to be a NCDOT Volunteer!

"It's an honor to be able to talk to students around our state about the awesome work we do here at NCDOT," said JoAna McCoy as she worked the NCDOT booth

trained employees available to assist with the hazards associated with winter weather.

When a storm does threaten our communities, NCDOT proactively treats bridges and overpasses in advance with salt brine, because elevated structures freeze first during periods of cold and inclement weather. Non-elevated roads have some insulation from the ground, which delays freezing.

Once snow hits, the Department clears the roads using a priority system that calls interstates and four-lane divided primary routes (N.C. and U.S. routes) to be cleared first, followed by lower-volume primary roads, high-volume secondary roads, lower-volume secondary roads and then subdivision streets.

We encourage motorists to prepare for the season by logging on to our website now to find out about [severe weather](#) and [safety tips](#). For real-time travel information, visit the [Traveler Services section](#) of NCDOT.gov or follow NCDOT on [Twitter](#).

## Bridge Dedication Ceremony in Rockingham County

A ceremony was held last week renaming the McCoy Road Bridge over Lake Reidsville in honor of two law enforcement officers who died in a helicopter crash site near the location in 1974.

First Sergeant J.S. Hackett and Patrolman J.A. Parker died on June 19, 1974 when the helicopter in which they were flying while surveying crashed near McCoy Road.



Ceremony Held at Reidsville Baptist Church

Secretary of Transportation Nick Tennyson, Reidsville Mayor Pro Tem Harry Brown, and family and friends gathered at Reidsville Baptist Church on December, 1 honoring them.



last month on the campus of [Bennett College](#) at their annual Career and Internship Fair.

The NCDOT Volunteers program provides an opportunity for NCDOT staff members to volunteer with K-12 schools, universities/community colleges, and other education organizations throughout the state.

These opportunities will allow staff to promote various career pathways within the transportation industry and encourage the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education.

As a NCDOT Volunteer, you will have many opportunities to share your knowledge and expertise in your respective fields. Your service as a volunteer will involve students from diverse backgrounds in discussions about the transportation industry and its relation to science, technology, engineering and math.

NCDOT Volunteers will also have the opportunity to promote the importance of women and minorities in engineering, model innovative transportation related activities in the classroom, and serve as guest speakers during school career events.

NCDOT Volunteers will represent the Department of Transportation and provide students with an inside look into possible career choices, encouraging them to begin thinking about options for their future. Schools, colleges, universities and other education advocacy groups submit requests to the Office of Education Initiatives for volunteers from NCDOT. Each staff member will be contacted as volunteer opportunities matching their interest arise.

Contact me today: JoAna McCoy at 919-508-1875 or



Safety Engineer Gary Cooke

## Division Safety Engineer Honored with Extra Mile Award

The Extra Mile Award was presented to Division 7 Safety Engineer Gary Cooke for his efforts in reducing an excess of nearly a ton of aging surplus

explosives materials back in August.

"The process took place near I-26, and consisted of digging four holes, placing the explosives in the hole, backfilling the holes, connecting the explosives to the firing device and initiating the shot," said Safety Engineer Gary Cooke.

"The extra-mile award is a great honor and one I share with Division 13 Safety Engineer Walt Russell, Division 13 Engineer Jay Swain, Jr., PE, Mark Scott and Angelo Owens of Safety and Risk Management and several Division 13 Maintenance/Bridge Employees," said Cooke.

In addition some 1,500 detonators were disposed of.

The cost savings was \$30,000.



## Looking Forward, Giving Back

If you've donated to the SECC this year, **THANK YOU!** You're making a powerful difference for the charities and the causes you supported.

If you haven't had a chance to make a pledge, you still have time to use your Power of Giving to make a difference for a cause you care about.

**The SECC is being extended through the middle of December.**

Just contact the SECC Office at 919-821-2886 or [seccsupport@ncsecc.org](mailto:seccsupport@ncsecc.org).



## We Need Your Input!

Transportation officials have opened the department's second annual customer survey.

All citizen feedback will be collected [online here](#).

The N.C. General Assembly requires the survey to gauge how the transportation department is providing great customer service.

Participation can help NCDOT identify ways to make North Carolina transportation services safer, more efficient and customer focused.

The survey takes 15 minutes to complete

The online survey will close December 31.

The results will be available to the public on NCDOT.gov in 2017.

## Save Money on Holiday Travel with the NC Quick Pass Transponder Sale



To help you save time and money on your road trips this holiday season - while also being great stocking stuffers - NC Quick Pass is dropping the price of its E-ZPass compatible transponders.

[Click here](#) to view the promotion which runs through





## Wildfires Scorch Miles of Mountains

More than 20 separate wildfire complexes scorched in excess of 70,000 acres and forced neighborhood evacuations from Swain County to McDowell County last Month. Pockets of North Carolina as far east as the Triad area were left with hazardous air quality for weeks.

NCFS - Firefighters walk along a closed NC highway

Despite the devastation, only four major highways needed to be closed. Transportation officials worked with various agencies to organize the closures and set up marked detours.

In all, less than 35 miles of roads were closed to help crews battle the wildfires, which consumed more than 110 square miles of land in Western North Carolina. Governor McCrory declared a state of emergency and a burn ban on Nov. 11 and transportation officials reminded motorists of the ban through digital messaging on message mounts in the mountains.

the end of January.

## Thanksgiving Click It or Ticket Totals

State and local law enforcement officers issued 1,961 seat belt and 340 child passenger violations during the Governor's Highway Safety Program's (GHSP) Thanksgiving *Click It or Ticket* enforcement campaign on Nov. 20-26.

Over the holiday enforcement period, state and local law enforcement agencies held 2,786 checkpoints and stepped-up patrols, issuing 3,209 traffic and criminal violations. The top five counties for occupant restraint violations were:

- \* Wake County: 210
- \* **Guilford County: 100**
- \* Robeson County: 100
- \* Forsyth County: 99
- \* Lenoir County: 96
- \* Cabarrus County: 90

For county by [county totals](#) and more information regarding the [Click It or Ticket](#) program, contact Jonathan Bandy at 919-618-1974, or visit the [GHSP website](#).

## Press Releases: Triad

[Smithwood Road Bridge Replacement Starts Nov. 14 in Guilford County](#)

[Public Meeting for Proposed Greensboro Street And Estes Drive Improvements in Orange County](#)

[Division Seven Media Availability for Information on NCDOT Winter Weather Preparations](#)

[First Sergeant J.S. Hackett/Patrolman J.A. Parker Bridge Dedication Ceremony in Rockingham County](#)

[Larger Pipe, Less Flooding Risk Along Orange County Road](#)

[This Week at NCDOT: Change in Time Means Change in Driving Conditions](#)

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